

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Joseph Barrett et al.                      Art Unit : Unknown  
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Title : SECURING AN ACCESS PROVIDER

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, before line 4, insert the heading CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED

A1 APPLICATIONS-- and

under that heading insert A2 This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional

Application No. 60/227,309, which is incorporated by reference.--

REMARKS

The above amendment has been made to place the application in better condition for initial examination. No new matter has been added. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions at the number set forth below. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.